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SUBJECT: POLISH PRESS ON KENNEDY'S TALKS IN MOSCOW

1. TRYBUNA LUDU (APRIL 29) AND ZYCIE WARSZAWY (APRIL 24)
HAVE EDITORIALS ON SENATOR KENNEDY'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET
UNION PLAYING UP THE IMPORTANCE OF HIS TRIP AND ESPECIALLY
OF HIS FOUR-HOUR SESSION WITH BREZHNEV. US DOMESTIC
POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS ARE DULY NOTED, BUT MAJOR EMPHASIS
GOES TO KENNEDY'S ALLEGED SUPPORT OF DETENTE AND IMPROVED
US-SOVIET RELATIONS. THE TRYBUNA LUDU PIECE, BY MAKSYMILIAN
BEREZOWSKI, FOR EXAMPLE, PREDICTS THAT KENNEDY'S ENTRANCE
INTO THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S DEBATE ON DETENTE'S FUTURE MAY
INFLUENCE PARTY FORCES AGAINST THE "COLD-WAR"
APPROACH OF SENATOR JACKSON. BEREZOWSKI ALSO NOTES
(WE BELIEVE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE POLISH PRESS) KENNEDY'S REMARKS
IN BONN, ACKNOWLEDGING PRESIDENT
NIXON'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL
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RELATIONS AND DENYING WATERGATE'S INFLUENCE ON US FOREIGN

POLICY.

2. THE ZYCIE WARSZAWY COMMENTARY CLAIMS THAT KENNEDY ASSURED SOVIET LEADERS THAT, IF THEY WIN THE 1976 ELECTIONS, THE DEMOCRATS WILL MAINTAIN THE CURRENT COURSE OF US POLICY. SIMILARLY, BEREZOWSKI CONCLUDES THAT KENNEDY'S APPROACE MAKES POSSIBLE THE STRENGTHENING OF THE DETENTE "TREND" ON A "BIPARTISAN" BASIS.

3. COMMENT: THESE EDOTORIALS ARE APPARENTLY BASED ON A TASS COMMUNIQUE ABOUT KENNEDY'S MEETINGS. THERE IS NO MENTION OF THE EMIGRATION ISSUE OR MFN IN REFERENCES TO SPECIFIC SUBJECTS DISCUSSED IN MOSCOW. WE CANNOT JUDGE HOW ACCURATELY THESE EDITORIALS REFLECT THE ACTUAL POSITIONS SENATOR KENNEDY MAY HAVE EXPRESSED, BUT THEY INDICATEPOLISH HOPES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF BIPARTISANSHIP IN US POLICY ON RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET BLOC.

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